

have taken place. That was hope number one. I don't think that is going to happen. I will, however, be offering amendments to do that. My second hope, and, again, you will see an amendment around this line, is that the Nebraska Legislature will do what we periodically say we want to do, which we spent several hours on earlier this year when we adopted the Conference of the States resolution, and that was to tell the federal government we are sick of your mandates. We think we can take care of things locally here, and we have an amendment that would be much more politely worded than that, but that would be the thrust of it. It would simply say that last year when this Nebraska Legislature passed LB 1250 providing for a one-year expulsion option for students with weapons violations, that that, in essence, put us in substantial compliance, and we would indicate that we wanted a waiver excepted. Those will be the thrust of the two major amendments that I will be offering. I know Senator Chambers probably, I think he beat me to the punch and he has several other amendments up ahead of mine. Hopefully, by the time we deal with Senator Chambers' amend...well, hopefully, I guess, hopefully, I would say we will not deal with this, that we will not suspend the rules, that...and I will get later into why I don't necessarily think that we are at as much risk...

SENATOR HALL: One minute.

SPEAKER WITHEM: ...as you will be hearing from the sponsors of this resolution that they feel we are. It would be my hope that we would simply vote down the suspension of the rules, decide what it is we are going to do with LB 658 in its original form, and that we particularly won't use this bill that's on Select File here in the final few days of the session to switch directions and put in a fairly controversial policy change. So I will be voting no on the suspension of the rules. If the body chooses to suspend the rules, I will be participating quite vigorously in an attempt to do something that I think makes a lot more sense than AM2385.

SENATOR HALL: Thank you, Senator Withem. Senator Bernard-Stevens, your light is next.

SENATOR BERNARD-STEVENS: Thank you. Senator Hall, members of the Legislature, I, too, will rise and oppose vigorously the amendment that...first of all, the motion that will suspend the rules, and the reason is, some of those have been stated by Senator Withem, is I suspect this particular piece of